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Art Unit: 3652

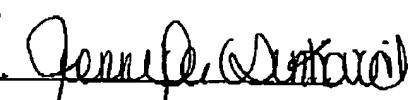
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- 5.) Amendment / Reply regarding the OA mailed on 12/16/2004 (6 pgs.); and
- 6.) Certificate of Transmission (located on my Cover Letter, the Transmittal Form PTO/SB/21, and this fax cover sheet.).

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/601,920

Examiner: KRIZEK, JANICE LEE

File date: June 18, 2003

Art No.: 3652

Inventor: Jason Reznar

Atty Docket No.: 03-03

Entitled: Spare tire Handling Device with a Wheel Retainer

Cover Letter

(in re of the Response to Office Action mailed 12/16/2004)

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The fee amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) in regards to the two claims over, can be charged to Dura Deposit Account 500865. Please charge any additional fee(s) or any underpayments, and credit any overpayment(s) to same.

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March 10, 2005

Sincerely,

Ms. Jennifer Sinkovich
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Phone: 248-299-7215

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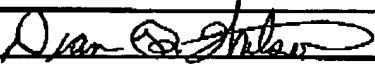
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First Named Inventor	Jason Reznar
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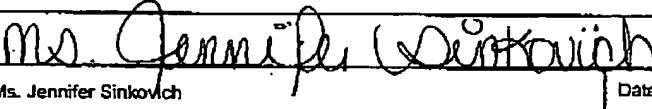
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Firm Name	Dura Automotive Systems, Inc.		
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Printed name	Mr. Dean Watson		
Date	03/10/2005	Reg. No.	43,242

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For FY 2005 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** (\$)**Complete if Known**

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METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

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Deposit Account Deposit Account Number: 500865 Deposit Account Name: Dura Automotive Systems

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Charge fee(s) indicated below Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee

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FEES CALCULATION**1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES**

<u>Application Type</u>	<u>FILING FEES</u>		<u>SEARCH FEES</u>		<u>EXAMINATION FEES</u>		<u>Fees Paid (\$)</u>
	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEESFee Description

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Small EntityFee (\$)

50 25

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

200 100

Multiple dependent claims

360 180

<u>Total Claims</u>	<u>Extra Claims</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>	<u>Multiple Dependent Claims</u>
- 20 or HP =	x	=		<u>Fee (\$)</u>

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

Fee (\$)Fee Paid (\$)

<u>Indep. Claims</u>	<u>Extra Claims</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>
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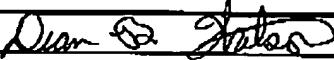
4. OTHER FEE(S)

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

Fees Paid (\$)

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SUBMITTED BY

<u>Signature</u>		<u>Registration No.</u> 43,242 (Attorney/Agent)	<u>Telephone</u> 248-299-2869
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Examiner: Keenan
Title: Spare Tire Handling Device with a Wheel Retainer

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir/Madam:

In response to the Office Action dated December 16, 2004, please enter the following Amendment with respect to the above-identified application:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111